

**LONGMORES SOLICITORS & HERTFORDSHIRE**  
**COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**Stephen Steere**

Die L (L0008.04) has been positively identified as being used by Longmores Solicitors, 24 Castle Street, Hertford. The die is a 2x2 multi-headed die used between 1927 and 1965, and the machine was apparently kept at Hertford GPO.

I recently obtained a postcard (see below) sent by Hertfordshire County Council in 1936 by the Clerk of the County Council, Elton Longmore, that has the perfin die of Longmores affixed.



I would like to find out whether there is evidence of continued use of the die by Hertfordshire County Council. I assume that Elton Longmore, who research shows was also part of Longmores Solicitors, instructed the GPO to perforate stamps for use by his office.

Alternatively it could be that the office ran out of stamps and Elton Longmore kindly gave them some, but I doubt that very much. Longmores are still in business today, but have no records that would help, and suggest trying Hertfordshire Record Office. That would require examination of council accounts to see if a payment was made to the GPO, something I doubt would be archived.

